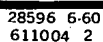


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

4 OCT 1961

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1. Syria

a) The new government has been strengthened internally by a declaration of support by a cross section of Syrian political leaders, but is not relaxing its security precautions in the face of continuing inflammatory propaganda from Cairo. Since Monday, there has been a decline in public disorders;

In Alexandria, 3 of the 6 or 7 freighters which had loaded military equipment earlier were unloaded yesterday but the equipment remained on the quays. The Egyptian navy had begun rationing fuel oil to foreign ships there on Sunday;

c) we believe that, should he finally decide to move, Nasir will face the threat of counteraction by Jordan, Iraq, Turkey and possibly Israel. There are also signs that Nasir is none too confident of his own internal position--Egyptian police are on a 24-hour alert.

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NOTES

A. Adoula is continuing to fend off extremists in his government who are pushing for military intervention in Katanga. [redacted] some army leaders are making plans for such an operation, despite the considerable logistical difficulties involved.

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B. The Polish armed forces have taken over control of all Polish communications, [redacted]

[redacted] This step appears to be related to the Warsaw Pact maneuvers scheduled for this month and next.

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C. Preparations are underway which point to another Soviet space attempt, possibly timed for the Party Congress which starts the 17th.

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